IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA MACON DIVISION

ROBERT LEWIS CROMER,

Petitioner

VS.

NO. 5:07-CV-128 (CAR)

KEVIN ROBERTS, WARDEN, PROCEEDINGS UNDER 28 U.S.C. §2254

BEFORE THE U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Respondent

ORDER DENYING APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner ROBERT LEWIS CROMER, an inmate at Lee State Prison in Leesburg, Georgia, has moved this Court to allow him to proceed in forma pauperis in the above-captioned proceeding brought under provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 2254. However, because petitioner has neglected to submit a copy of his prisoner trust fund account balance, the Court does not know his account balance. Nevertheless, in his "Motion to Stay the Sanctioning of the Petition ..." (Tab # 4), petitioner indicates that he has \$7,000.00. The filing fee required in section 2254 cases is \$5.00. The Court finds that petitioner has the financial ability to pay this amount.

Accordingly, petitioner's application herein to proceed in forma pauperis is **DENIED**. Petitioner shall have until APRIL 30, 2007 to pay the required \$5.00 filing fee. Failure to comply with this order shall result in the dismissal of plaintiff's complaint. The Clerk is directed to file the petition, but there shall be no service of process in this case until further order of the Court.

SO ORDERED, this 6th day of APRIL, 2007.



CLAUDE W. HICKS, JR. UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Claude W. Stepe